

Guidance Notes for Completing the Will

- (1) Insert your name exactly as it appears in your passport, together with your address.
- (2) 'Net worth' is the value of the estate after deducting funeral expenses and any debts and liabilities.
- (3) Only those eligible for Zakāh may receive such funds.
- (4) Any specific bequeaths cannot be made to any of the inheritors who will automatically inherit according to the Islamic rules of inheritance.
- (5) Insert here the name and address of a recognised Islamic educational institute or a reliable 'ālim/muftī.
- (6) Insert the names and addresses of the Administrators/Executors.
- (7) Insert the names and addresses of the Guardians.
- (8) Insert date and month.
- (9) To be signed by the person making the Will.
- (10) Insert your name.
- (11) It is necessary for the person making the Will and the two witnesses to all sign the Will in each others' presence.

General Matters to Note

- This Will must be signed, dated and independently witnessed by two people in order to be valid.
- Witnesses must be adults of sound mind and independent i.e. not family members nor the Administrators/Executors to be appointed nor their spouses.
- If your estate is expected to be valued greater than the tax free threshold (£325,000 in 2019/20) then you may wish to seek tax advice before completing this Will.

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Last Will & Testament



THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of (Note 1)

I **REVOKE** all former Wills and Codicils made by me and **DECLARE** this to be my last Will.

After payment of all funeral expenses and other just debts and liabilities I hereby bequeath:-

(Total of percentages in Clauses 1 and 2 must not exceed 33 ⅓ % of the net worth of the estate) (Note 2)

1. _____ per cent of my net estate being for my religious obligations which remain unfulfilled at the time of my death (Ṣalāh, Zakāh etc.) to (Note 3)

2. A further _____ per cent of my net estate to (Note 4)

3. After payment of the above bequests I hereby direct that the remainder shall be distributed amongst my heirs in terms of the Islamic Law of Succession and Inheritance according to the Sunnī Ḥanafī School of Jurisprudence.

4. The heirs in terms of the above law (Islamic) and their respective shares shall be determined upon my death by (Note 5)

_____ or any certified Muslim theologian of the above school of thought.

5. I direct that any share under this Will accruing to a minor child shall not be paid into a Guardian Fund but shall be held in trust by my Administrators until the said minor/minors attains the age of eighteen. My said Administrators shall be empowered to invest assets held in Trust in such investments that are in accordance with Islamic Law. My Administrators are authorised in their discretion to apply the income and in case of need a portion of the Capital of the Trust assets for the maintenance, education and general welfare of the minors provided that any such application of income is in accordance with the Islamic Law.

6. I direct that my Estate shall be wound up as expeditiously as possible until the final approval of the liquidation and distribution account.

7. I **APPOINT** AS ADMINISTRATORS / EXECUTORS OF MY ESTATE THE FOLLOWING (Note 6)

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

In the event of any one or more of the Administrators/Executors predeceasing me, or dying during the term of office, or declining to act for any reason whatsoever, then the remaining or surviving Administrator(s)/Executor(s) shall be authorised to act on my behalf.

8. Subject to UK Taxation Laws in force on date of my death I authorise a Deed of Variation in order to obtain maximum inheritance to my beneficiaries.

9. I appoint (Note 7) _____

_____ to be the Guardian of any of my children who are under the age of eighteen at

the time of my death but if he/she is unable or unwilling to act for any reason then I appoint (Note 7) _____



Signed by me on the (Note 8) _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature (Note 9)



Signed by the said (Note 10) _____ in our presence and attested by us in the presence of him/her and of each other, all being present at the same time. (Note 11)

First Witness

Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

Signature

Second Witness

Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

Signature

